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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
National Intelligence Officer for Africa

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Draft NIE 11/70-84: Soviet Policies in Southern Africa

1. There is a lot in this estimate on Soviet policies in Southern Africa; however, as the SRP noted in paragraph 2 of its memorandum, the best stuff on Soviet objectives, alternative scenarios, and implications for the US is not sufficiently reflected in the key judgments, which is probably where top policymakers stop reading.

2. I also do not think the SRP's suggestions on economic problems and prospects have been adequately dealt with, particularly the importance of the South African economy in the area.

3. I think the alternative scenarios are the best part of the estimate and I hate not to have them reflected in the key judgments, at least to the extent of letting people know that they are there and enticing them to refer to that.

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